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News worth sharing.



Women's Olympic soccer team has a
ROUGH START

Canada's Carmelina Moscato heads the ball against Japan's Yuki Ogimi during their opening soccer match at the 2012 Summer Olympics on Wednesday in Coventry, England. Japan won the match 2-1. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Airdrie area in sightlines for racetrack revival

Timeline. Motorsports park would be part of 3,000-acre development, track tentatively set to open by mid-2014

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Planners are working to greenlight a \$27-million motorsports park just east of Airdrie after a popular Calgary racing venue closed last year, Metro has learned.

Dubbed the Rockyview Motorsports Park, the venue would come through a partnership involving the Motorsports, Arts Culture and Sports Group (MARCS) and Calgary Aviation Land Corp.

Multiple sources said Wednesday the latter organization hopes to include the park as part of a massive, 3,000-acre development located five to 10 kilometres east of Airdrie and just north of Highway 567. The corpora-

tion also hopes to develop an executive airport as well as retail and industrial plots in the area.

"It's huge," said Shawn Bishop, owner of Rallysport.ca, which sells racing gear. "Having a track is critical to my business and what I do."

Bishop and representatives with other Calgary-area racing groups said Wednesday they had been approached in recent months about possibly investing in Rockyview Motorsports Park.

Bishop said officials indicated the venue would become profitable during its second full year of operation.

MARCS has actively worked since early last year to find a new home for racing as the lease for Calgary's Race City Motorsports Park expired in December.

But its Airdrie-area replacement would still need approval from Rocky View County. Area councillor Greg Boehlke, who was aware of the proposal, is not convinced his constituents will be in favour of the develop-

ment, which has been billed by some as an "international stage."

"I don't know if Rocky View's prepared to hopscotch and put in a motorsports park where we currently have farmland," he said. "It definitely doesn't fit our Municipal Development Plan, which calls for further preservation of agricultural land.... They have an uphill battle."

The tentative plan is to unveil the first phase of Rockyview Motorsports Park by mid-2014, sources said. It would feature a 4.5-kilometre primary race track, drag strip and go-kart track.

Future development could include an oval track and ice-racing course as well, according to the proposal.

Inquiries made to officials with Calgary Aviation Land Corp. and MARCS were not returned Wednesday.

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Pipeline dispute

B.C. premier
calls on feds in
Gateway flap

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark used a meeting of the premiers Wednesday to push for talks with Alberta and Ottawa to resolve a dispute over her demand for a greater share of the economic benefits from the Northern Gateway pipeline.

Clark said there is considerable environmental risk for her province if the \$5.5-billion project is built, and B.C. needs to get a bigger piece of the royalty pie.

"My basic request is for Alberta and Canada to come to the table and sit down with British Columbia and work to figure out how we can resolve this," Clark said Wednesday.

"If that's going to cause such a big problem that there are trade barriers, there is a very easy way to solve that — no pipeline."

Her comments have put her at loggerheads with Alberta Premier Alison Redford, who has flatly dismissed Clark's position as one that would "fundamentally change Confederation" because it would mean new negotiations for projects throughout the country.

Clark declined to say precisely what amount of money she was seeking from the project. "I don't have a number for you today and I'm not going to negotiate that in public," she said.

Redford said Wednesday she was open to Clark's overtures to discuss the matter, but she didn't believe the dispute would be resolved this week.

"It would be wrong for anyone to characterize that we're not going to talk, but at this point in time, this isn't the week for it," Redford said.

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Student laments funding loss after medical mishaps

Alberta Works. Too many absences led to decision, removing sole source of income for Calgary family

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Last semester, a couch fell on Kirk Russell. Then his wife suffered an internal injury that forced her to go on heavy painkillers, leaving Russell to care for their eighth-month-old son.

All the while, the 29-year-old continued to maintain the grades necessary to proceed in his post-secondary preparation program at Bow Valley College.

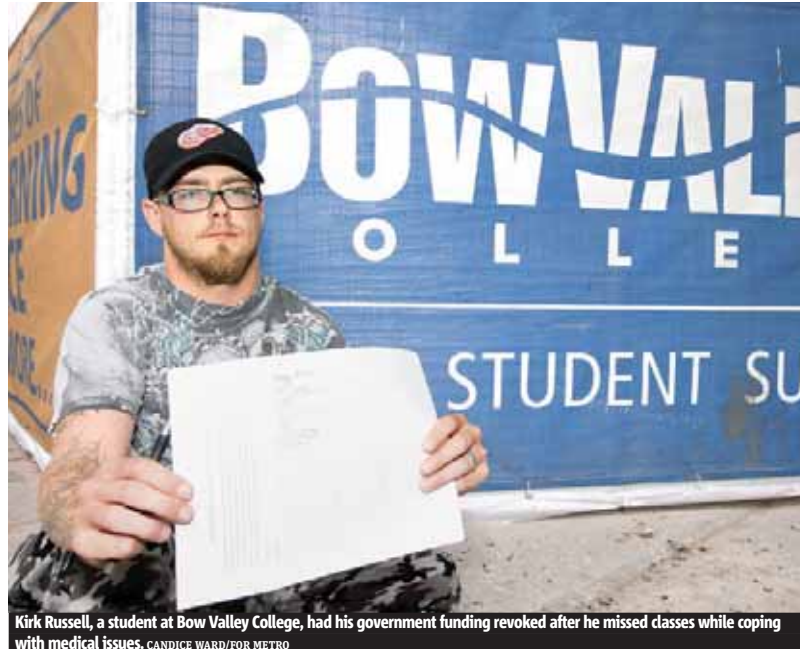
But the aspiring computer engineer has recently learned his monthly \$1,759 cheques from Alberta Works — his family's sole source of income — will stop coming after concerns were raised over his high number of class absences.

"They are not only screwing up my education, they are screwing up my life," Russell said.

Russell said Bow Valley has in no way attempted to hinder his progress.

He pointed the blame squarely at Alberta Works, which helps unemployed residents find and keep jobs, and provides funding to help cover their basic costs of living.

Charles Strachey, a representative with the Calgary branch of the program, could



Kirk Russell, a student at Bow Valley College, had his government funding revoked after he missed classes while coping with medical issues. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Alberta Works

- The Alberta Works program helped more than 4,000 Calgarians last year, according to representative Charles Strachey.

not speak specifically about Russell's claim but added a provision in the agreement with Alberta Works clients states if they are absent from class for three consecutive weeks their funding will be removed.

"At the end of the day, there is an appeal process.... (We) would look at the case and see if an exception can be made," he added.

But Russell said he's been told he's out of options. Furthermore, he claims to have only missed 35 hours of

class intermittently last semester despite being wheelchair-bound while recovering from a compressed spine, among other injuries, after furniture

fell on him during a moving mishap. This semester, he claims to have missed 16 days but added they were not consecutive.

"It really doesn't make any sense to me," he said. "Medical problems happen all the time.... It's not something you expect to happen. I'm still trying hard, I still want to continue my schooling."

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Crime. Sketch released in alleged S.E. Calgary flashing incident

Police have released a sketch of the suspect wanted in the alleged flashing incident that happened in the community of Erin Woods last week.

They have now begun to canvass the neighbourhood with the sketch, in hopes of refreshing any possible witnesses' memories, according to Insp. Dale Ruzyski.

This incident took place around 10:30 p.m. on July 18, when the suspect entered the unlocked residences of an 83-year-old woman and exposed himself.

The woman locked herself in her bedroom and called police.

The man is described as Caucasian, six-foot-two, with short hair and a muscular build.

Police are also still investigating three other sex-related incidents that have recently occurred in the community of Erin Woods, but they don't believe there's a connection



Sketch of the suspect wanted in the alleged flashing incident.

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between any of them at this time.

Anyone with any information about this incident, or any of the other sex-related incidents in Erin Woods, is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Olympic trip

Redford's visit to Games costs \$84K

Alberta Premier Alison Redford is heading to the London Olympics at a cost to taxpayers of \$84,000.

During the five-day trip she will promote the province, focusing on Alberta's energy, tourism and culture sectors.

Redford calls it a golden opportunity to meet important decision makers and business leaders.

The cost of the London trip covers two cabinet ministers and three government staff.

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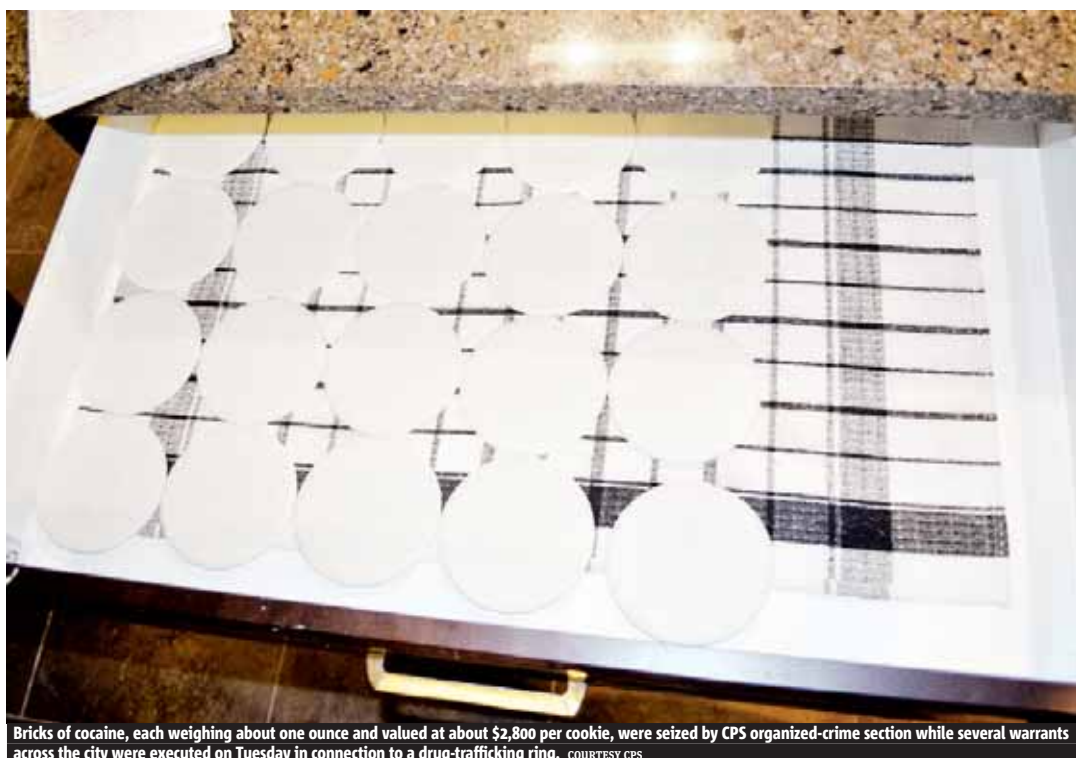
Ward 8

Ald. John Mar not running for MP

Calgary's Ward 8 alderman announced Wednesday he will not seek a seat in Ottawa, as he had previously indicated.

According to reports, John Mar has chosen not to run to replace former MP Lee Richardson in the Calgary Centre riding and will instead run for re-election for the third time as an alderman.

Mar's decision is reportedly based on his desire to spend more time with his wife and kids in Calgary. METRO



Bricks of cocaine, each weighing about one ounce and valued at about \$2,800 per cookie, were seized by CPS organized-crime section while several warrants across the city were executed on Tuesday in connection to a drug-trafficking ring. COURTESY CPS

4 people awaiting charges in \$1M cocaine-ring bust

Organized crime unit. Police dismantle citywide trafficking operation

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Calgary police cracked a million-dollar coke ring after a in-depth six-month investigation.

Several warrants were executed Tuesday on homes, vehicles and businesses that led to Calgary Police seizing 10.7 kilograms of cocaine with an

estimated street value of over one million dollars.

Police believe the significant drug bust is connected to organized crime. Sgt. Jason Walker of the organized-crime section said the investigation is "still in its infancy."

Four people are facing charges in connection to the drug ring and are awaiting an appearance before the justice of the peace to be formally charged.

The suspects were not on police radar prior to the investigation, Walker added.

"We're trying to figure out how big this drug ring is and we're trying to figure out

where (the suspects) fit," Walker said. "That's a part of what we are trying to piece apart right now as we pick apart all the evidence."

In February, CPS received several tips from the public that launched the citywide investigation targeting several people and businesses.

Along with the cocaine, police also seized \$126,119 cash, body armour and six vehicles.

The investigation is still ongoing and police encourage those with any information in relation to the drug ring to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Items seized

- Money and cocaine bricks, as well as chemicals used in the production of crack cocaine, were seized from a safe in the residence in the 200 block of 13th Ave. S.E.
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Determined Filipino family ignores skeptics to succeed in Canada

When Erick Alfonso meets immigrants who feel overwhelmed, he gives them hope by telling his own family's story. In fact, the Manila native and his wife achieved personal success in a remarkably short time, by ignoring skeptics who scoffed at their Canadian dreams.

Now working as a Senior Personal Banking Officer at Scotiabank in Calgary, Alberta, Erick remembers how friends discouraged them from immigrating to Canada with their five young children.

"They told us that you need Canadian experience to find a job," recalls the former IT project manager at a Philippine bank. "But we decided to try because we knew it was a good country to raise our kids."

Upon arrival in Canada in 2006, the Alfonsos discovered that many Filipino compatriots were juggling low paying jobs to survive. While Erick also took a temporary factory job to pay the bills, he refused to give up hope.

"A friend told me to open my first bank account at Scotiabank, and the teller was so helpful that I decided to submit my resumé," recounts Erick. To his amazement, the branch manager hired him within a month as a casual teller, and two months later gave him a full-time customer support role.

"I was lucky that Scotiabank gave me the chance to prove myself," notes Erick, who has risen through the ranks and now serves many Asian customers at Calgary's Castleridge Centre Branch. "I can relate to them because I remember arriving with no bank account and no permanent address. The Scotiabank advisor explained everything to me, and I try to do the same for others today."

For example, Erick recommends the **Scotiabank StartRight®** Program¹ for Newcomers, which includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year², a wide range of credit card options³ and a number of other customized services and benefits. He also provides plenty of first-hand financial advice.

"Since many newcomers arrive with personal savings, I help them invest it wisely, including short-term investments such as a Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA), which lets them earn tax free income that they can access later for other needs," says Erick.

He also explains the importance of building a Canadian credit history. "Some newcomers are afraid to use credit cards, but I tell them how it can help them achieve other goals if they use it responsibly."

Erick also gives pep talks on job searches, based on his experience and that of his wife's, Maria Rosario, who within a year moved from a temporary accounting job to accounting manager with a local firm.

"We didn't do anything special, but we were determined. By believing in ourselves, and supporting each other, we got through each difficulty," advises Erick. "It is possible – if you show what you can do, you can build the right connections and open the door to a new life in Canada."

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Vince Davoli, senior vice-president of Western Canada for EllisDon, who is overseeing construction of the Child Advocacy Centre, leaves his handprint on a wall to commemorate the groundbreaking.
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Breaking the ground for a groundbreaking child centre

Child Advocacy Centre. Safe haven for abused children will bring four government agencies together

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Abused children will soon have a refuge in Calgary, with numerous services available all under one roof.

On Wednesday, delegates, sponsors and members of the public got an early glimpse of the new space for Calgary's Child Advocacy Centre (CAC), across from the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Contractors milled about the expansive 25,000 square feet on the fourth floor of the Child Development Centre.

"Location is everything to us and having it here brings all the teams closer together," said Tara Robinson, the CAC's executive director.

Slated to open later in

the year, the CAC will house four major government agencies that focus on prevention and treatment of child abuse.

For the first time, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Crown Prosecutors, Calgary Police Services and the city's Child and Family Services will work under the same roof.

"I think we are going to accomplish a lot," said former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy, co-founder of Respect Group Inc., and a board member of the CAC.

"This is going to be the cornerstone for kids, for any maltreatment around our youth and for the prevention and reaching out to communities," he said.

Charcoal blaze

Fire that torched home was preventable: Officials

Investigators say a fire that destroyed a home in Panorama Hills could have been prevented.

A probe into the July 15 fire on the 100 block of Panamont Circle N.W. determined that a charcoal briquette smoker was, unbeknownst to the homeowner, still burning when it was put under garage stairs.

"Most fires are preventable, and when operating an outdoor-cooking appliance, always err on the side of caution and allow the device to cool," deputy chief Brad Lorne said in a statement. "Also, follow the appropriate instructions to help ensure you have a safe experience." **METRO**

Alternative health

Province to regulate naturopaths

A newly created College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta will govern the profession, the province says.

Health Minister Fred Horne says Albertans have shown heightened interest in alternative therapies and measures are needed to ensure public safety.

The college's first president, Allissa Gaul of Calgary, says there are 144 naturopathic doctors in practice across the province.

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Taxpayers' group

New billboard campaign targets MP's pensions

New billboards in five Canadian cities, including Calgary, are aiming to alert Canadians how much they're really putting into MPs' pockets.

The Canadian Taxpayers

Federation (CTF) launched its new billboard campaign Wednesday to inform Canadians that for every dollar MPs put into their pension funds, the taxpayers put in \$24.

"It's time to fix these outrageous platinum-plated pension plans for our federal politicians," said CTF federal director Gregory Thomas.

"Taxpayers are fed up with footing the bill for

pensions that are among the most lavish in Canada."

The CTF is hoping taxpayers will be encouraged by the billboards to start putting pressure on their MP's to reform this plan in the fall.

"We know the government is planning to modify the MP pension plan this fall, and we want to make sure it's a full-blown overhaul and not just a minor

tinker," said Thomas.

The CTF is looking for an even dollar-for-dollar contribution.

Similar billboards were also put up in Vancouver, Regina, Ottawa and Halifax.

Canadians can text "TAX" to 212121 to sign the CTF's petition, email the Prime Minister and learn more about the MP pension plan.

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Scott Hennig, Alberta director of the CTF, unveils a new billboard in Calgary on Wednesday. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Dumpsters get makeover by Spyhill landfill employees

Colourful entrance.

Once-drab garbage bins lining landfill site given an eye-catching artistic facelift by Spyhill's own workers



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Dumpsters at a city landfill have been transformed into canvases after a group of employees decided to add a splash of colour.

The brown dumpsters that once lined the entrance Spyhill Landfill have been painted over with landscapes and underwater scenes using discarded materials.

Spyhill employee Spencer Willis was the artist behind the project. He said he was inspired to use his artis-

tic background to make the landfill a little more appealing to both Calgarians and his fellow employees.

"Being a scale operator, seeing the side of brown bins (was) pretty dull, so thankfully someone had the great idea to add some color," he said.

Willis said that he used spray paint and markers to create the works of art and that each dumpster took him a day to complete.

"All spray paint and materials used were recycled items brought to the Throw 'N' Go at the landfill."

Blair Riddle, of the city's waste and recycling services, said the city saw the move as an innovative way to recycle discarded supplies and an independent step that showed the employees were taking pride in their workspace.

"It was a great initiative by the employees," said Riddle.

Throw 'N' Go

- Throw 'N' Go facilities are at the entrances to all three of the City's landfills and allow Calgarians to dispose of or recycle items such as electronics and household chemicals at no charge.
- Certain materials such as appliances and residential air conditioners do have some fees associated with being able to dispose of them at the city's Throw 'N' Go facilities.

"It makes a space that before was rather plain and ugly, something beautiful."

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Formerly plain dumpsters at the Spyhill Landfill have been painted over by one of the landfill's scale operators. CONTRIBUTED

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Possible Plaza closure inspires public support

The End. City's oldest movie theatre facing possible closure

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Rumours of the closure of a popular Calgary theatre have some fearing the profound effects it could have on the city's film community.

According to CBC, Kensington's Plaza Theatre

might close, as the cost of upgrading equipment are too big of a financial hurdle for theatre owner Mike Brar's shallow pockets.

"It would be a tragedy," said Ald. Druh Farrell of the potential closure. "It's an important part of our cultural history."

Yvonne Abusow, production director at Calgary Society of Independent Filmmakers called the reports "upsetting."

"We're not going to have a resource or a place for any of our independent

filmmakers to exhibit their work," said Abusow.

Local cinephiles rallied together after hearing the news.

Actor Benjamin Laird and burlesque star Raven Virginia set up an online fundraiser to keep one of the city's last independent theatres alive.

"It just can't happen," said Laird.

Supporters can visit indiegogo.com/savetheplaza to donate money to help save the theatre.



Reports of the Plaza's closure has film buffs scrambling to help save the storied hub. ALICIA GERRIOR/FOR METRO

Health care

\$10 million allocated to inquiry examining queue-jumping

The Alberta government is setting aside \$10 million for its review into queue-jumping in the health-care system.

The province announced earlier this year that a judge-led inquiry would look into allegations that some patients have been given preferential treatment to jump the queue on wait lists.

The inquiry report is to be completed by April 30, 2013.

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Cancer-related fatigue

U of C doctor gets cancer-research grant

A University of Calgary doctor is getting \$200,000 from the Canadian Cancer Society to help fund a study aimed at reducing cancer-related fatigue.

Dr. Tavis Campbell's study will assess the ability of light therapy to improve the fatigue in post-treatment cancer survivors.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, cancer-related fatigue is seen in 90 per cent of cancer patients, with 35 per cent of patients having fatigue even five years after treatment. METRO

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Scotland to legalize gay marriage

Scotland's government has announced plans to legalize same-sex marriages. The measure has backing from the major Scottish political

parties. It follows a public consultation on the issue. When enacted, Scotland could become the first part of the U.K. to allow same-sex marriages. The U.K. government is awaiting the results of a public consultation before taking further steps.

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U.S. ingenuity

Use of legal synthetic drugs up

People are inventing so many new, legal ways to get high that U.S. lawmakers can't seem to keep up. Over the past two years, the country

has seen a surge in the use of synthetic drugs made of legal chemicals that mimic the dangerous effects of cocaine, amphetamines and other illegal stimulants. Some are imported cheaply from China or India. The drugs have been linked to bizarre and violent behaviour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

National security

Surveillance info no longer public

The curtains at Canada's most secretive federal agency have been drawn a little tighter. The government has quietly stopped telling

Canadians about the annual priorities of the national electronic eavesdropping agency, meaning scant details of its mission, once public, are now classified. For years, a section of the Defence Department's plans and priorities report spelled out agency priorities.

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Gun sales surge across U.S.

Colorado theatre massacre. While the shooting has stirred debate on gun control, Washington stays mum

Firearms sales are surging after last week's Colorado theatre massacre as buyers fear that politicians may use the shootings to seek new restrictions on owning weapons.

Some Democratic lawmakers in Congress cited the shooting as evidence of the need for tougher gun control laws — particularly a ban on high-capacity ammunition magazines. Congress, however, hasn't passed strict legislation in more than a decade, and leaders in Washington show no sign of pushing up such measures any time soon.

In Colorado, where Friday's

shooting killed 12, gun sales jumped in the three days that followed. The state approved background checks for 2,887 people who wanted to purchase a firearm — 25 per cent more than the average Friday-to-Sunday period in 2012 and 43 per cent more than the same interval the week prior.

Dick Rutan, owner of Gunners Den in Arvada, Colo., said requests for concealed-weapon certification "are off the hook." His course in gun safety, required for certification for a concealed-weapon permit in Colorado, has drawn double the interest since Friday.

"What they're saying is, they want to have a chance. They want to have the ability to protect themselves and their families if they are in a situation like what happened in the movie theatre," Rutan said.

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Actor Christian Bale and his wife, Sibi Blazic, at a site dedicated to Veronica Moser-Sullivan, 6, the youngest of the 12 victims of Friday's mass shooting, at a memorial in Aurora, Colo., on Tuesday. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oldest victim

First funeral held

A dad who took his teenage children to the new Batman movie and was killed when a gunman opened fire on the theatre was mourned Wednesday, the first memorial service for a victim of the shooting.

Fifty-one-year-old Gordon Cowden was the oldest of the 12 people killed. His teenage children escaped unharmed. A family statement described him as a "true Texas gentleman" who loved the outdoors.

Later this week, families of other victims plan to say their final goodbyes.

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North Korea. Mystery woman is wife of leader

North Korea ended weeks of speculation Wednesday by confirming that the mystery woman beside young leader Kim Jong Un at recent public events is indeed his wife, "comrade Ri Sol Ju." The news

was buried in a state TV report about Kim's tour of an amusement park, delivered casually by a newscaster who gave no details about Ri, including how long she and Kim have been married. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London. Boy flies to Italy without ticket, passport

The 11-year-old boy didn't have a passport, didn't have a ticket, didn't have a boarding pass, and got all the way from England to Italy on his own.

For him, the 1,700-kilometre journey was a great

adventure. "He was chatting away about being off by himself," and passengers alerted the cabin crew, Russell Craig, a spokesman for Manchester Airport, said Wednesday.

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Montreal. Public funeral for Lin to be held today

A public funeral will be held today for Jun Lin, whose slaying grabbed national attention after his body was dismembered and parts were mailed to two Canadian cities.

The service will be held at a

Montreal funeral home.

Lin studied computer science at Concordia University, which is helping raise funds for his family and is setting up an award in his memory.

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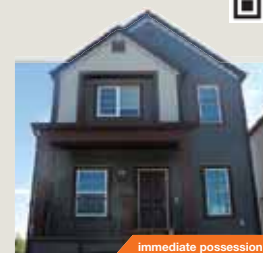
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London Games. Saudi Arabia sending first women to Olympics

The two women who will become the first female athletes to compete for Saudi Arabia at the Olympics have walked very different paths that will meet at the London Games.

One is a distance runner raised in California who has spent little time in Saudi Arabia but hopes to become a "big inspiration" for women in the kingdom, which severely restricts women in public life and effectively bans them from sports.

The other practises judo, but she has hardly ever left Saudi Arabia and has never competed.

While Sarah Attar was running cross-country for her high

school in the United States, Wojdan Ali Seraj Abdulrahim Shahrkhani was watching judo on television.

Then one day she told her father, a judo coach and an international referee in the sport, that she wanted to train.

Saudi Arabia is allowing them to compete after the International Olympic Committee and human-rights groups put intense pressure on the kingdom to end its practice of sending all-male teams to the Olympics.

The London Games will be the first in Olympic history in which women are represented in every national delegation.

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Olympic thrif

Egyptian athletes sport knockoffs

The tracksuits and bags of Egypt's Olympic team feature the familiar Nike and Adidas logos — except they're fakes. The country signed with a Chinese distributor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea

Organizers mix up North and South

Olympic organizers screened the South Korean flag instead of North Korea's before a women's soccer match Wednesday, causing an angered delay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Athlete expelled from Games over racist tweets

Track. Greek Olympian's apologies come too late as politicians call for her removal

Triple jumper Voula Papachristou was expelled from Greece's Olympic team Wednesday for her comments on Twitter mocking African immigrants and expressing support for a far-right party.

The Hellenic Olympic Committee said Wednesday that Papachristou had been excluded from the team "for statements contrary to the values and ideas of the Olympic movement."

"It's the same as violating

Damage control

"We are not here just to get medals, but to promote the Olympic ideals."

Isidoros Kouvoulos, head of Greece's Olympic mission



Greece's Voula Papachristou at the women's triple-jump final at the European Athletics Championships in Helsinki.

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fair play," Isidoros Kouvoulos, the head of Greece's Olympic mission, told Greece's Skai. "We are not here just to get medals, but to promote the Olympic ideals, to show our character."

Papachristou's Twitter account contained several retweets and links promoting the

views of Golden Dawn, a formerly marginal extreme-right party.

But it was her attempt at a joke Sunday that went viral. Commenting on the widely reported appearance of Nile-virus-carrying mosquitoes in Athens, Papachristou wrote: "With so

many Africans in Greece, the West Nile mosquitoes will be getting home food!!!"

After the ensuing uproar, Greece's Olympic committee banned their athletes from using social media to express personal opinions.

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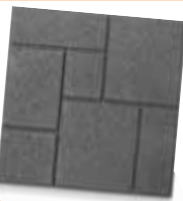
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A damaged vehicle from clashes between Free Syrian Army soldiers and Syrian government troops is seen at the border town of Azaz, north of Aleppo, on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/TURKPIX

Ban Ki-moon urges world to stop the 'slaughter' of Syrians

UN. General-secretary says world failed to prevent similar tragedy in Bosnia, calls for Assad to step down

Quoted

'Quite simply, we must do better at seeing atrocities coming and telling it like it is. We cannot take refuge behind strong words and weak action.'

Ban Ki-moon in a speech to Bosnia's parliament

UN General-Secretary Ban Ki-moon said Wednesday the world must unite in its response to Syria's civil war and do all it can to stop what he called the slaughter taking place there.

Speaking in Sarajevo, Ban said other countries intervened in Libya and the Ivory Coast to stop widespread killing there, but failed during Bosnia's 1992-95 war to prevent Bosnian Serbs from killing more than 8,000 Muslim Bosniaks in Srebrenica while the town was officially under UN protection.

But Ban did not say in his speech exactly what the international community should

do in Syria beyond already calling for Syrian President Bashar Assad to step down. He also did not criticize Russia and China by name for vetoing a Western-backed UN resolution threatening Assad's regime with sanctions.

"We must work to prevent and respond to grave violations of international humanitarian law. That is why we acted in Libya. We acted in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Today, the international community

is being tested in Syria," Ban said in a speech to Bosnia's Parliament.

As he spoke, Syrian tanks attacked insurgents in Aleppo, Syria, in an effort to end a five-day rebel fight to take the city. Activists say that Syria's 16-month-old uprising has killed 19,000 people.

The UN chief urged the international community to act together to take what he called "meaningful action."

"Without unity, there will be more bloodshed. More deadlock means more dead," Ban said. "That is why, here in the heart of a healing Bosnia and Herzegovina, I make a plea to the world: Do not delay. Come together. Act. Act now to stop the slaughter in Syria."

An international airstrike campaign in Libya last year helped its rebels end the 40-year erratic leadership of strongman Moammar Gadhafi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Biological weapons

'Post-Assad Syria' talks underway

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says discussions about a "post-Assad Syria" are underway, including what to do about the stockpile of chemical and biological weapons held by the country's regime.

Baird said Canada is working with allies to ensure the weapons don't fall into the wrong hands as the conflict reaches a climax.

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Civilian population

Aleppo attacks 'heinous,' White House says

The White House says the Syrian government's assault on Aleppo with tanks and airplanes illustrates "the depth of depravity" of President Bashar Assad's regime.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Assad was using his forces to "perpetrate heinous violence" against the city's civilian population.

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Fear

Israelis line up for gas masks

Israelis rushed to get government-issue gas masks Wednesday, the latest sign of mounting fears that Syria's chemical weapons stockpiles could be used against them as the crisis there deepens.

Syria threatened to unleash chemical and biological weapons if faced with foreign attack. Syria is believed to have nerve agents and mustard gas.

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Former U.S. lawmaker Giffords on first trip abroad since shooting

CERN. Giffords, who used to head U.S. space sub-committee, was accompanying astronaut husband to European physics lab

Former U.S. congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords toured a European particle-physics laboratory Wednesday, cheerfully facing reporters but saying little during her first trip abroad since being shot in the head last year.

Giffords was accompanying her husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, on a visit to the European Center for Nuclear Research. The lab, known as CERN, had assembled a \$2-billion cosmic-ray detector that Kelly and his team carried to the International Space Station in May 2011.

That mission came just months after Giffords, a lawmaker from Arizona, was shot by a gunman in a Jan.



Former U.S. congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and her astronaut husband, Mark Kelly, in the French Alps on Monday. MIKE STRUIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

8, 2011, rampage that killed six and wounded 13 outside a Tucson supermarket. Since then, Giffords has undergone intensive therapy and made dramatic progress, but she also decided to leave her seat in Congress to focus on her recovery.

During a press conference Wednesday, Kelly joined CERN officials and four other astronauts in recalling the delicate task of installing the seven-ton Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer on the space station so that it could scan the universe for signs of dark matter and anti-matter. Kelly commanded the mission, which was the final flight of Space Shuttle Endeavour.

Nobel laureate Samuel Ting, a physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the principal investigator for the CERN-based project, said the detector is functioning "perfectly" and an international team of 600 scientists has now collected data from 18 billion cosmic rays.

Giffords, a Democrat, served on the House Science and Technology Committee, and took on NASA affairs while heading the space sub-committee. Ting singled her out for praise because of her support for the U.S. space program. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Speaking up in the fight against AIDS

Mo Barry, an HIV-positive delegate from Gambia, tries to yell over the speakers into a dead microphone as he protests during a session called "The U.S. Congress and the Global AIDS Epidemic" on Wednesday at the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coahuila state

Mine blast kills seven in Mexico

Emergency personnel recovered the bodies of seven miners killed in a gas explosion Wednesday at a coal mine in northern Mexico. The miners suffered severe burns and were crushed by falling rock. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Florida

Bond denied in hazing case

A judge has denied bond to former Florida A&M University band member Caleb Jackson charged in the hazing death of drum major Robert Champion, who died in November after being beaten on a bus in Orlando. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Myanmar

Suu Kyi calls for ethnic rights

Myanmar opposition leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi used her first speech in parliament Wednesday to call for laws protecting the rights of the country's impoverished ethnic minorities. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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How many could you identify?

- 13. You should run for Prime Minister.
- 10-12. Canadian politics is your thing.
- 7-9. Might want to consider reading the newspaper a bit more.
- 4-6. Sign-up for a Canadian politics course — now.
- 1-3. Good enough to warrant a Senate appointment.
- 0. Sad. You couldn't even name your own premier.

As Canada's premiers meet in Halifax this week for the Council of the Federation, we thought it would be fun to see how well you know our provincial and territorial leaders. There are 13 in total — 10 provinces and three territories. Take the test and see how you do. The answers are in the bottom corner of the page.



Can you name that premier?



- Answers**
1. Darrell Pasloski — Yukon
 2. Robert Ghiz — Prince Edward Island
 3. Gregory Selinger — Manitoba
 4. Alison Redford — Alberta
 5. Jean Charest — Quebec
 6. Eva Aarbak — Nunavut
 7. Kathy Dunderdale — Newfoundland and Labrador
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Mother of police shooting victim condemns protests

Demonstration.

Violence breaks out at peaceful rally as crowds storm city hall meeting, blocking a nearby intersection

The mother of a man who was shot by Anaheim, Calif., police officers has condemned violent protests against the killing, saying Wednesday that she did not want them to become her son's legacy.

"I watched as my son took his last breath. I watched as his heart stopped beating for the last time," Genevieve Huizar said, breaking into sobs. "Please, please, please stop the violence. It's not going to bring my son back, and this is the worst thing any mother could go through."

Her news conference followed a fourth day of violent protests over Saturday's police shooting of Manuel Diaz, and the Sunday death of another man.

As many as 1,000 demon-



Genevieve Huizar, the mother of Manuel Diaz, who was shot to death by Anaheim police, breaks down after a news conference. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

strators surged through downtown Tuesday night, smashing shop windows, setting trash fires and hurling rocks and bottles at police, authorities said.

Huizar said her family has not participated in any violence.

At an earlier news conference, Mayor Tom Tait said the U.S. attorney's office had agreed to review the officer-involved shootings and that he planned to meet with members of that

office and the FBI on Friday.

The shootings and resulting demonstrations marred the image of the Orange County city, which is home to Disneyland and the Angels baseball team, but also has neighbourhoods teeming with gritty apartments.

The violence downtown spread into Wednesday morning and left 20 stores with shattered windows.

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Beijing. Mishandled floods cause public to question government

Beijing's mayor is apparently still on track to be promoted to China's powerful decision-making body despite public questioning of the city government's handling of floods that left at least 37 dead.

Mayor Guo Jinlong and one of his vice-mayors resigned, state media reported Wednesday, in what is likely a routine reshuffling. The announcement came as more rain was forecast to hit Beijing and amid signs that the death toll from last weekend's storms could jump higher.



Damaged vehicles in a flooded resort near Beijing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saturday's flooding was an embarrassment for China's capital, which spent billions of dol-

lars modernizing the city while apparently neglecting its drainage systems. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian discovery

Meteorite created Arctic crater, say researchers

Canadian researchers say they've discovered a 25-kilometre-wide meteorite crater in the western Arctic.

University of Saskatchewan professor Brian Pratt and Keith Dewing of the Geological Survey of Canada made the discovery while exploring Victoria Island in a helicopter two years ago.

At the time, they were doing map work for a Natural Resources Canada energy and minerals program.

They say it took two years to properly confirm that it was a meteorite crater.

They say the crater is at least 130 million years old and could even be as old as 350 million years.

They've named the new discovery the Prince Albert impact crater, after the name of the peninsula where it is located.

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Jewish tradition

Rabbis warn of new restrictions

A group of Orthodox rabbis warned Wednesday that the ancient Jewish practice of infant male circumcision could face further restrictions in Europe after some hospitals in Austria and Switzerland suspended the procedure by citing a German court ruling that it could amount to criminal bodily harm.

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Loblaw to open 700 Joe Fresh stores in the U.S.

Grocery chain.

Canadian brand announces partnership with U.S. retailer J.C. Penney as it ramps up its fashion line

Loblaw Companies Ltd. plans to unveil about 700 Joe Fresh stores in the U.S. next year as Canada's largest grocery chain works to ramp up sales of its hip fashion line to help bolster earnings that dropped by 19 per cent in its most recent quarter.

Loblaw's Joe Fresh clothing brand announced Wednesday it has formed a partnership with U.S. retailer J.C. Penney Co. to open 700 stores in the U.S. in 2013 that will run for four years.

The move comes amid a

Across Canada

Loblaw, a subsidiary of George Weston Ltd., operates more than 1,000 stores across Canada under numerous banners, including Great Canadian Super Store, Provigo, No Frills and Atlantic Superstore.

- The company employs 138,000 full- and part-time workers.

massive overhaul of Loblaw's information-technology and supply-chain software system that is set to cost the company billions.

The capital-intensive rollout, along with a hyper-competitive grocery market in Canada, has eaten into its bottom line.

Loblaw reported second-

quarter net earnings of \$159 million, or 56 cents per diluted share, down almost 19 per cent from the \$197 million earned in the same period in 2011.

That missed analysts' calls for earnings of 62 cents per share by five cents.

Shares fell 1.5 per cent, or 47 cents, to close at \$31.45 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

"While I'm not happy that earnings are down, we are on plan," said Loblaw president Vicente Trius on a conference call Wednesday.

Revenue came in at \$7.37 billion for the period ended June 16, an increase of 1.3 per cent from the \$7.28 billion over the second quarter of 2011.

Retail sales and same-store sales grew 1.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively.

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Mountain Lion leaps from iPhones to computers

A customer looks at the new OS X Mountain Lion operating system at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif., Wednesday. Apple Inc. released its new operating system for Mac computers on Wednesday, with features borrowed from mobile devices and a tighter integration with online file storage. The new software narrows the gap between the PC and phone software packages, making Mac personal computers work more like iPhones and iPads. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Agriculture

Drought predicted to push food prices

The U.S. government is projecting the record drought gripping half the country will help push food prices up by three per cent to four per cent next year.

Figures released by the Department of Agriculture on Wednesday show that beef prices are expected to see the biggest jump at four per cent to five per cent.

Dairy product prices are expected to climb 3.5 per cent to 4.5 per cent. Poultry prices are expected to rise three per cent to four per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Potash mine

Irish recruits laid off

Twenty Irish immigrants recruited to work in Saskatchewan have been laid off.

The workers were among

50 pipefitters who were helping to expand Agrium's Vanscoy potash mine southwest of Saskatoon. A spokesperson for contractor PCL Construction says work on the project has wrapped up for now.

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Oil. Industry minister to review \$15B US Nexen bid

Canada's industry minister isn't dropping any hints about whether he will approve or reject a Chinese state-owned company's multibillion-dollar bid for Calgary-based Nexen Inc.

And just like Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Christian Paradis is warning Canadians not to jump to any conclusions about which way it will go.

Paradis says he'll wait until he reviews an application from China National Offshore Oil Company — also known as CNOOC Ltd. — before deciding whether or not to green-light

The bottom line

"It has to be for the net benefit of this country. This is the bottom line here."

Industry minister Christian Paradis on Chinese company's bid for Nexen Inc.

the \$15.1-billion US transaction.

CNOOC's proposed all-cash takeover of oil and gas producer Nexen was a friendly bid, offering shareholders a 60-per-cent premium on their holdings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trade. Canada pushes for relations with Myanmar

After years of imposing tough sanctions, Canada announced a push Wednesday to open up economic relations with Myanmar, saying International Trade Minister Ed Fast and a delegation of business leaders would travel to the strategically placed Southeast Asian nation in September.

Fast will be the first cabinet minister to visit the country since trade sanctions were eased at the end of April and Canada announced it would open an embassy in the capital, Rangoon, in recognition of Myanmar's moves to improve hu-

Closed door

Firms at a closed-door roundtable meeting in Toronto included Research In Motion, SNC-Lavalin, Bombardier and consulting firms Nextep Strategy Inc., Prudential Consulting Inc. and Deloitte.

man rights and democracy.

However pro-democracy and human-rights groups are warning that Myanmar is still facing serious human-rights issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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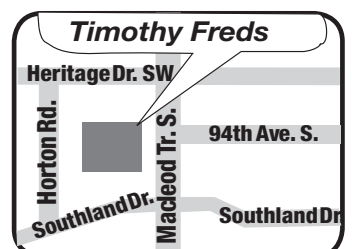
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A PREVIEW OF OLYMPIC PROPORTIONS



HE SAYS...
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How will London cope this week as it's hit with pollution, traffic congestion and rabid media attention for the first time in history?

This and other questions will be answered as the Triple-X Olympiad officially gets underway Friday. We don't trust you to watch the right events and have the proper emotional reaction to them, so here's a list of the biggest storylines we demand you watch for.

Are they ready? The Olympics are home to some dependable traditions, and one of the most consistent is the Lamenting of the Games. Before every Olympics, the media make it sound like the runners will have their times slowed by wet cement and divers will be jumping into empty swimming pools, their falls broken by contractors desperately trying to get the host city ready.

In London, the biggest problem appears to be security, which was thrown into shambles when it was revealed that a key security firm didn't have enough people and was handing out sashes that said "hall monitor" to anybody who asked.

Now they've called in the army, because nothing makes people feel secure like soldiers in the streets.

If things work out, the media will call it a miracle of Olympic proportions. If things don't work out, the media will call it a catastrophe of Olympic proportions. (We're on tight deadlines.)

Open questions. The opening ceremony has become an important show of national pride for the host country. Can Britain's gymnasts and interpretive dancers do justice to Britain's food, emotion and weather? One organizer gave a tantalizing hint when he promised "more shades of grey than you've ever seen."

All-time record? If American swimmer Michael Phelps dominates, he'll become the most decorated Olympian ever. This will be a major embarrassment for Canada, because Phelps will surpass the total distance travelled by Canada's submarine fleet.

Hoop dreams. It promises to be a special moment when the world puts aside its differences, joins hands and prays for the humiliating defeat of the U.S. basketball team. The chance to cheer against Kobe Bryant and LeBron James simultaneously is rare and should be cherished.

Star watch. World-famous athletes won't be the only celebrities, as entertainment superstars descend on London including uber-couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. Watch for North Korean athletes to wander near Jolie in hopes she'll adopt them.

Whither Canada? Sportswriters went all gooey during the Vancouver Games about how Canada had finally come of age — just like we did during Vimy Ridge, the Second World War, Expo '67, Summit Series '72 and that "Joe Canadian" Molson commercial. I thought that was mostly hooey because Canada won the most gold medals; it's easy to stand up loud and proud when you're winning. Since Canada doesn't do as well at the Summer Olympics, here's our big chance to reveal our true patriotism. Otherwise we're just Phoenix Coyotes fans on a playoff run.

That said, I trust we'll see lots of Canadians standing on the podium. Assuming it's constructed on time.



Britain's government opted Tuesday to deploy 1,200 more troops to protect Olympic venues, a move that reflects a lack of confidence in a private security contractor. But let's not stop there. There's much more cause for concern — too much to keep track of — so we highlight the best of the worst. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travelling in London an Olympic sport?



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Summer Games

VIP lanes, the Tube cause delays

Wednesday saw an uncertain test of the British capital's Olympic transport plan, as lanes reserved for Olympic VIPs came into force two days before the start of the Games and the city's creaky subway system struggled with glitches.

Traffic jams blocked some of the main routes into the city as the wildly unpopular "Games Lanes" took effect. The 48 kilometres of lanes are to operate from 6 a.m. to midnight throughout the Games, and cars or taxi cabs

that stray into them face a \$200 US fine.

Thousands of London drivers have switched to public transport, only to encounter severe delays on several underground subway lines caused by power-supply problems and signal failures. Severe delays were reported Wednesday on the city's Central and Hammersmith subway lines.

Transportation is London's weak spot: Traffic often clogs up on its narrow, historic roads, bus schedules can change at a moment's notice, and the famous Underground suffers from daily delays and infrastructure that in parts is more than a century old.

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Criticism over designation

- The International Olympic Committee had specifically demanded VIP road lanes be created after learning lessons from previous Games.

- In London, some of the loudest opposition to the Olympic VIP lanes has come from the city's cabbies, who have staged two recent demonstrations that brought central London traffic to a standstill. They say being banned from Olympic lanes jeopardizes their business.

Hanging on a wire

Cable car stranded above Thames

Cable-car passengers got plenty of time to view London's sights after the system linking two Olympic venues broke down and left them stranded above the River Thames Wednesday.

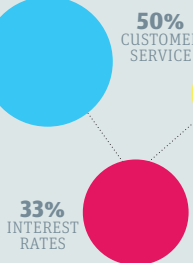
The cable-car system, dubbed the Emirates Air Line, opened last month and links the O2 Arena in Greenwich — which will host Olympic basketball and gymnastics — and the ExCel exhibition centre, where boxing will take place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Calgary Folk Music Festival. Pair reveals some of the quirky aspects of planning a four-day music event



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When British troubadour Richard Thompson played the Calgary Folk Music Festival in 2000, City of Calgary officials spent an hour discussing whether his tour bus would be allowed onto Prince's Island Park.

Twelve years later, organizers of this year's Folk Fest are trying to figure out how to squeeze four of the behemoth vehicles into the backstage area on Thursday night.

"In the late '90s, (we) hadn't dealt with a lot of buses or tech," says Kerry Clarke, artistic director of the festival.

"Now bands bring their own electronic soundboards ... and artists who you wouldn't think were big enough to have a tour bus, bring a bus."

The logistics of putting on a four-day music festival on Prince's Island Park can be daunting, but Clarke has been at the job long enough to efficiently deal with any last-minute hiccups that may arise.

That can mean anything from dealing with immigration and border issues to rescheduling workshop stage appearances and tracking down hard-to-find instru-



Kerry Clarke, Calgary Folk Music Festival's artistic director, and Derek McEwen, artistic associate, have a well-prepped game plan for this year's festival. LISA WILTON/FOR METRO

ments.

While it seems little fazes Clarke, new Folk Fest artistic associate Derek McEwen admits the amount of organization that goes into the festival can be overwhelming.

"There's definitely been a learning curve," says McEwen, who has held the position since May.

"Most of it has been the little details.

"Taxes and stuff like that."

In addition to taxes and

immigration, McEwen has been keeping busy honouring requests from the more than 60 artists playing the Calgary Folk Fest this year.

"There was an eight-page hotel rider for one band," he says.

"It included the way check in was supposed to happen, how to distribute key cards and all that stuff. That was pretty impressive."

"(Another act requested) a certain amount of towels

of one colour and then a certain amount of towels of a different colour," McEwen says.

"We could open a towel store right now," Clarke adds with a laugh.

So what's the most important thing McEwen has learned from the job so far?

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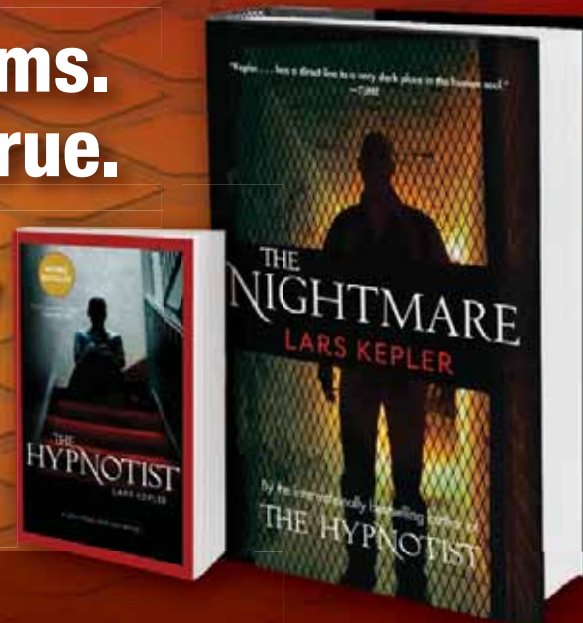
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Ben Stiller, Johnny Pemberton and Jonah Hill star in *The Watch*. MELINDA SUE GORDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Watch for another level of camaraderie

Emotional connection. Big cast has big friendships in new comedy about an alien invasion of suburban Ohio

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One of the benefits of doing an ensemble comedy is catching up with old friends. At least, that's how it was on *The Watch* for Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn, who co-star with Jonah Hill and Richard Ayoade as concerned citizens investigating what turns out to be an alien invasion in their suburban Ohio neighbourhood.

Stiller and Vaughn previously squared off in *Dodgeball*, but here they're playing something a bit chummier.

"I love working with these guys. It's great to work with the people who make you laugh and who are funnier," Stiller admits. "Vince and I had a really fun time working on *Dodgeball* together and it was exciting to have a chance to do something. It had been a while for us, so it was exciting to have a chance to do something new together."

Reunions aside, Stiller also enjoyed letting loose in a comedy that didn't have the same restrictions as his more family-friendly fare.

"The fun thing for me is to be a part of a movie where

The Watch

Vince Vaughn adjusting to being a parent

- **Daughters.** In *The Watch*, Vince Vaughn's character has a rather argumentative relationship with an unruly teenage daughter trying to grow up too fast. In real life, Vaughn has just welcomed his first daughter. So did the movie give him any premonitions of troubles to come? "My daughter is just 19, 20 months now, so I'm along away from that," he admits. "Thankfully I'm a long, long way from answering any of those questions as far as being protective. But I have encouraged her to get on some scooters — motor scooters — motorized vehicles. That kind of stuff. I threw her in the pool, but she swam so it's fine."

you don't have to worry," Stiller admits. "Being in an R-rated film, you can have a lot more freedom."

And that freedom doesn't just mean more violence and cursing, but it extends to how the characters are depicted as well, as the four men aren't forced into learning some sort of lesson or personal growth.

"I don't think it was about having it all sort of tied up in bow. It was more about these guys hanging out and how

they affected each other, but it wasn't like about teaching lessons or anything," Stiller says. "I do think there is sort of, you know, an emotional connection these guys do have by ending up being together."

While Stiller, Vaughn and Hill are familiar faces to comedy audiences, the fourth member of their neighbourhood watch might not be: British actor and director Richard Ayoade, who directed last year's *Submarine* (executive-produced by Stiller), admits he felt like he stuck out a bit in the cast.

"I've never been in a film, not really," Ayoade admits. "My wife said — and she's right — it's going to look like I won a competition to be in a film with movie stars. And there were several days when I was like, 'Why are Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn and Jonah Hill looking at me? Oh! I'm in a scene with them. I ought to start trying to act back.' It's very surreal and I'm a huge fan of these people. It was a great pleasure for me to get to somewhat bring down the film by being in it."

Vaughn, of course, thinks Ayoade's self-deprecation is misplaced.

"Richard is so funny. It was so fun, he brought such an original voice and great ideas and is just funny in the movie," Vaughn says. "You get a bunch of guys together from different walks of life and at the end of the day there's a lot of laughter and a lot of camaraderie."

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Bohemian style ... well sort of

Versatile wardrobe. Kate Hudson's closet brims with designer dresses, turquoise, pajamas and photo-shoot favourites

Despite having a closet that most women would envy, Kate Hudson likes staying in her PJs for as long as she can into the day.

Mornings, she says, are her favourite time with her sons — and that means a lot of pajama time.

"I love to see them wake up with their sleepy faces. It's when you see their personalities and how they deal with the morning," she says.

Bingham, 1, has blond hair that's long in some

places, short in others, the 33-year-old actress says, and the morning is when it all sticks up. Her eight-year-old son, Ryder, asks for "5 more minutes" in bed but still eagerly comes to the table for breakfast.

"I like happy mornings. I grew up with happy mornings," says Hudson, the daughter of Goldie Hawn. "My parents were up and active and making breakfast, and that's what I try to do, but I usually do it in my nightie."

When it's time to get dressed on days she's not working, there are three choices, especially if she knows the paparazzi she doesn't love are

lingering: She'll stay at home in comfy clothes that are only slightly elevated from her bedtime get-up, pull out the sunglasses with the biggest lenses she can find and otherwise stick to her favourite flowing tops and dresses, or put together a buzz-worthy ensemble that might help get some positive publicity for the designer.

Fashion, she adds, is one of the easiest — and favourite — parts of her job.

What are some things in her wardrobe? Turquoise jewelry, Emilio Pucci prints, a vintage Halston cape (she's still waiting for the right occasion to wear it) and the cheetah jeans

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Kate Hudson will be the face of clothing company Ann Taylor's fall 2012 campaign. ANN TAYLOR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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black flapper dress from her recent photo shoot for Ann Taylor's fall ad campaign. Hudson is reprising her role as spokesmodel.

"I definitely have more of an easy style," she says. "I hate the word bo-

hemian, but it sort of is."

Hudson is the first celebrity signed to Ann Taylor for three consecutive seasons, but there have been many other stars, including Demi Moore, Heidi Klum and Katie Holmes.

Hudson says she can't worry too much about those who came before her — or will come after her.

"When you're in this business as actresses and models, you know everyone is replaceable. Enjoy it while it's happening. Take each day as it's presented to you."

However, Hudson is planning for the day when she has a beneficiary of her



healthy fashion habit.

"I archive a lot of my pieces — from when Stella (McCartney) was at Chloe and Tom Ford at YSL and Gucci," Hudson says.

"My mom never kept her clothes. She was big into (Azzedine) Alaïa clothes and she didn't keep them! She also had Ossie Clark dresses from the '70s, and I never got to wear them, so I decided when and if I have a little girl in my life, maybe she'll be into them and want to go into my closet someday."

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Lone Ranger remains a sore spot for some

Gyasi Ross grew up decades after the Lone Ranger aired on TV, but his friends would still call him Tonto when they teased him.

"Everybody understands who Tonto is, even if we hadn't seen the show, and we understood it wasn't a good thing," said Ross, a member of the Blackfeet Nation in Montana who lives and has family in the Suquamish Tribe, outside Seattle.

"Why else would you tease someone with that?"

The making of a new Lone Ranger Disney movie, and the announcement that Johnny Depp is playing sidekick Tonto, have reawakened feelings about a character that has drawn much criticism over the years as being a Hollywood creation guilty of spreading stereotypes.

The film is still in production, but Indian Country has been abuzz about it for months, with many sharing opinions online and a national Native publication running an occasional series on the topic.

Some Native Americans welcome the new movie, which is slated for release next summer. Parts were filmed on the Navajo Nation



Johnny Depp, left, as Tonto, a spirit warrior on a personal quest, who joins forces in a fight for justice with Armie Hammer, as John Reid, a lawman who has become a masked avenger in the Lone Ranger. PETER MOUNTAIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

with the tribe's support, and an Oklahoma tribe recently made Depp an honorary member.

But for others, the Lone

Ranger represents a lingering sore spot — one that goes back to the 1950s television version of Tonto, who spoke in broken English, wore

buckskin and lacked any real cultural traits.

Depp's role attracted particular attention in April when producer Jerry Bruck-

heimer tweeted a picture of the actor in his Tonto costume. He had on black and white face paint, an intense gaze, a black bird attached to

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"I'm worried about the Tonto figure becoming a parody or a commercialized figure that doesn't have any dimension or depth. Or consideration for contemporary context of Native Americans."

Natanya Ann Pulley

his head and plenty of decorative feathers.

"The moment it hit my Facebook newsfeed, the updates from my friends went nuts," wrote Natanya Ann Pulley, a doctorate student at University of Utah, in an essay for the online magazine McSweeney's.

For Pulley and her friends, the portrayal of Native Americans in Western movies is getting old.

"I'm worried about the Tonto figure becoming a parody or a commercialized figure that doesn't have any dimension or depth. Or consideration for contemporary context of Native Americans," she said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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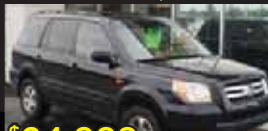
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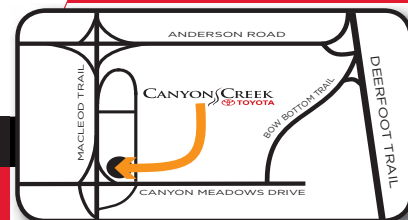
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Love Community? NBC isn't sold on it

TV. At the Television Critics Association press tour, the struggling network said its focus is shifting to broader comedy

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Can a monkey save NBC?

The network that routinely finishes last in ratings among the big four broadcast companies is in a state of transition, most obviously seen in its approach to comedy this fall.

Where NBC has been a haven for critically loved, cult-hit sitcoms that don't draw massive amounts of viewers, the network is now introducing comedies starring a lab-

coat wearing monkey (Animal Practice) and babies raised by clueless, yet caring, dads (Guys with Kids.)

"We're going to transition with our comedy programming and ... try to broaden the audience and broaden what the network does," Robert Greenblatt, chairman of NBC Entertainment, told journalists gathered at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills,

Calif., on Wednesday.

"Those Thursday comedies, which the critics love and we love, tend to be a bit more narrow than we'd ultimately like as we go forward."

Greenblatt was referring to shows like Parks and Recreation and 30 Rock, and more specifically, Community, which featured an entire episode that played out in the style of an 8-bit video game last season.



Is Crystal the Monkey on Animal Practice doing to save NBC? GETTY IMAGES

Though all three were renewed for next season, as of late Community has received little love from NBC, which fired the show's creator, ordered only 13 episodes, and pushed the show back to Fridays.

"The reason that we did 13 episodes of that and a couple of our other shows is because we really wanted to get more comedies on the schedule ... which isn't to say we couldn't decide at some point to extend those seasons," Greenblatt said. "I would love nothing more than Community to have a following on Friday and to be able to continue it." NBC offering even that

amount of support to a similarly quirky new series doesn't appear likely. Greenblatt called those creatively robust, yet ill-performing sitcoms "a little bit more sophisticated than I think you might want for a real broad audience."

And what says "mass appeal" better than animals and babies?

"We didn't sit down and say, 'Let's find some shows with babies and animals everywhere,' but we did buy into visions from creators that we felt were funny, specific, emotional and original," said Jennifer Salke, the NBC president.

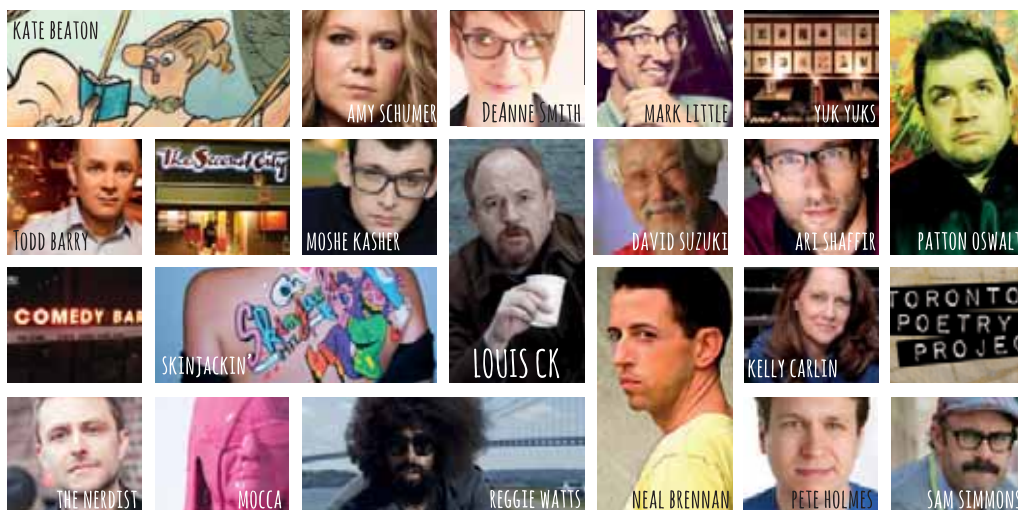
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A JUST FOR LAUGHS AND LIVE NATION PRODUCTION

Kiefer Sutherland. 24 movie will get made, sooner rather than later

Kiefer Sutherland says don't worry, Jack Bauer fans. That 24 movie will get made, sooner rather than later.

"Yeah, I don't want to do it with a cane," says the 45-year-old actor, who played the ruthless anti-terrorist agent Jack Bauer for eight seasons on the Fox action series.

Sutherland was at the Fox network's Television Critics Association summer press tour party Monday night to promote his latest series, Touch. It premiered last winter to good reviews but middle-of-the-pack ratings.

A script for the long-delayed 24 movie just wasn't ready in time for Sutherland to shoot it during the hiatus from Touch. Fox now has production penciled in for next spring.

Sutherland hopes his new series will be hard to schedule around for quite a while.

He enjoyed working on the 13-episode winter and spring run.

He felt the drama — about a father and his 11-year-old emotionally disturbed and mute son (played by David Mazouz) — was really hitting its creative stride by the end of that first season.

Executive producer Tim Kring (Heroes) says the stakes will be higher when the series returns this fall. Father and son will be on the run. A new character, played by Maria Bello (who starred last



Kiefer Sutherland
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fall in the short-lived drama Prime Suspect), will join the cast, a move Sutherland could not be more excited about.

"She's phenomenal," he says. Bello will play a character with a child facing similar challenges. Conversations between the two struggling parents will help viewers understand things that were difficult to communicate and explain in season one, as Sutherland sees it.

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Robert Pattinson. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Pattinson talks cheating

Robert Pattinson obviously won't be releasing a statement — he'll let some pretty young blond do the talking next week. So for now, all we've got is his April chat in Vanity Fair, where he conveniently discussed affairs.

"There's a thing I've never got: That is, why do

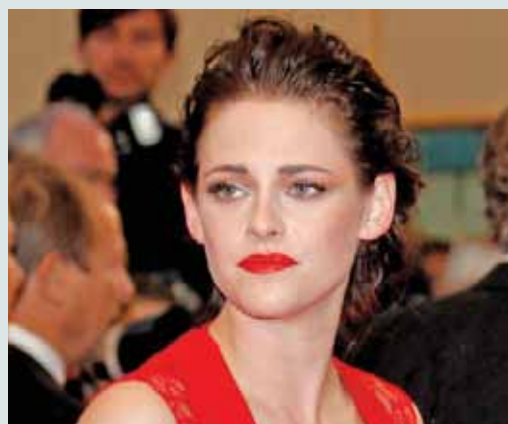
people cheat? I can understand the impulse," he says.

"But not how you can keep two relationships going at the same time for long. I'm not the casual-affair kind of guy. If I choose to be with someone, it's because I really want it. When I have a relationship, I'm 100 per cent into it."

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Kristen Stewart 'deeply sorry' about affair

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We always blamed Kristen Stewart's ever-present pout on her distaste for photographers. Maybe an extra weird rash. Possibly a Spanx situation. But we never suspected that the problem could be Robert Pattinson, her much more photogenic boyfriend and Twilight co-star.

It seems, however, that while Stewart's been parading down red carpets with Pattinson, she's also been having a fling with Rupert Sanders, her married Snow White and the Huntsman director.

Us Weekly has pretty incriminating photographs of the two snuggled up to each other in Los Angeles on July 17, just a few days

before Stewart and Pattinson attended the Teen Choice Awards together.

Witnesses tell RadarOnline that Sanders, 41, and Stewart, 22, "were hardly able to keep their hands off one another," as they drove around L.A., stopping occasionally to make out in parking lots.

Kristen, what do you have to say for yourself?

"I'm deeply sorry for the hurt and embarrassment I've caused to those close to me and everyone this has affected," she said in a statement released yesterday.

"This momentary indiscretion has jeopardized the most important thing in my life, the person I love and respect the most, Rob. I love him, I love him, I'm so sorry."

Kris, take it from us: Making creepy, inappropriate public appeals to Robert Pattinson in the gossip columns doesn't work. We've been trying for years, and he doesn't bite.



Rupert Sanders

Sanders' wife not warned

Not to be outdone, Rupert Sanders issued his own apology shortly after Stewart.

"I am utterly distraught about the pain I have caused my family," the director said in a statement. "My beautiful wife and heavenly children are all I have in this world. I love them with all my heart. I am praying that we can get through this together."

As for Sanders' wife, Liberty Ross, we doubt she's accepting the apology

anytime soon. The British model seemed to learn about the affair along with everyone else yesterday, and proceeded to have a mini Twitter meltdown.

Before deactivating her account, she followed @Us Weekly and tweeted quotes from Marilyn Monroe and Maya Angelou, then signed off with a simple "Wow" — the 2012 equivalent of waking up to the Love Actually DVD menu in a puddle of Ben and Jerry's.

'I did not cuss Janet out'

The dispute between members of the Jackson family over the location of matriarch Katherine Jackson apparently came to a head this week with an altercation between family members on the grounds of their Calabasas, Calif., estate, according to TMZ.

Janet, Jermaine and Randy Jackson stormed the house to confront the children of the late Michael Jackson — Prince, Paris and Blanket, leading to cursing and blows. The adults then reportedly attempted to coerce the kids into going to Arizona — where their legal guardian, Katherine,

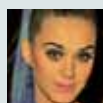
is resting — against their will.

The ongoing troubles have prompted lawyers for Michael's estate to write an open letter expressing their concern.

"We are concerned that we do what we can to protect them from undue influences, bullying, greed and other unfortunate circumstances," executors John Branca and John McClain say in the letter.

Meanwhile, Paris Jackson took to Instagram to refute claims of a fight, posting, "Dear TMZ, no one slapped anyone, and I did not cuss Janet out."

Twitter



@katyperry

I always love seeing one single piece of confetti fall at an indie show.



@JimCarrey

The violence within us is being fully exploited by the gun sellers in America. Let's end r addiction and entitlement to violence.



@Pink

As far as I'm concerned- Christmas prep has started. And I'm also now a member of the QVC. For real? Yes- For real. Yay!!!!!! Help!!!!!!



@ActuallyNPH

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Retro-inspired looks were seen throughout the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim 2013 in Miami Beach, where more than two dozen designers showcased their latest collections. Swimstyle specialists took a nod from days gone by, from high waist briefs and the pinup girl look of the 1950s to the Studio 54 and Dolce Vita eras of the '60s and '70s. Dive right in!

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Splash from the past



WHITE SANDS AUSTRALIA

Romantic looks were seen on the runway at White Sands Australia. "It's very, very girly," said designer Leah Madden. "I always try to do things very pretty but sexy and with an edge. But this year it's more pretty and more feminine."

Madden kept it simple for The Violet Hour collection. She used touches of ruffles, neon pastel colours (green) and a vintage floral print with large violets over a white palette to create the blissful looks.

DOLORES CORTES

Miami Beach was the inspiration for Spanish designer Dolores Cortes, who used vitamin colours and a touch of neon in her sophisticated collection.

Golden reflective laminates were superimposed on some pieces, while others had a mix of animal prints and bright stains to give the wild yet chic



look. There were a ton of prints, some with a tie-dye effect. Bikinis included a multi-coloured bandeau top with an animal print bottom. Multiple patterns took over a one-piece and a monikini with bright pops of colour, and crochet and mesh also made appearances.

LISA BLUE

Kicking off swim week was the Lisa Blue collection, where Australian designer Lisa Burke featured a collection of very different styles.

The Enchantress collection opened the show with a white monokini with gold trimmings. The blue colour of the ocean was also seen on the goddess-like models walking slowly — enchantedly — down the runway.

Karina Smirnoff of Dancing with the Stars picked up the pace as she danced in a bright pink, ruffled-top bikini and a Flamenco-style long skirt for the second Flamenco-inspired collection, which included a one-shoulder bikini top with ruffles on the bottom piece.



AGUA BENDITA

Cropped jackets with military hardware or maritime accents were part of the Lovely Heroes collection for Agua Bendita. Designers Catalina Alvarez and Mariana Hinestroza wanted to pay homage to the 700 men and women who work on each of the hand-made garments in Colombia.

The collection included military, maritime, cowboy and neon-inspired styles that were embellished with beads, appliques and sequins. The AB logo was emblazoned on the espadrilles the models wore and a hot pink plastic handbag that opened the show.



NICOLITA

The Nicolita collection can be described as a collection of sexy swimwear with curve-flattering styles reminiscent of Cuba's alluring 1940s era — but with a California twist.

The Havana Nights Collection by designer Nicole Di Rocco drew inspiration from her Cuban roots and experiences in Malibu with the help of singer Christina Milian, who said finding the right fabrics was more difficult than she had expected.

The collection had plenty of coverups that can transition from day to night, including a short layered animal-print skirt and high waisted blue pants.

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RED CARTER

The story of Red Carter's life and recent move from Miami to New York City inspired his latest collection, which included shiny disco balls and chunky geometric heels.

The art deco looks included black and white pieces in architectural shapes and a hint of vintage feeling with geometric hairstyles. There was a tangerine deep-V ruffle one-piece and art deco-inspired demi-underwire and skirted hipster bottom. Many had hints of glitter or gold such as in the black and white "glitter bomb" monikini.

The second part, the "Brazil-esque with disco balls" looks included a safari bandeau and hipster bottom, a black handkerchief bandeau and safari hipster bottom.



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Abby Larson, editor and founder of the stylish wedding website, on making your celebration Pinterest gold.

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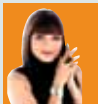
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@Jeanne_Beker: On @CTVCanadaAM this week dissing BAD past Olympic uniforms. Can't wait to see sartorial fare when games open. What makes a GOOD uniform?



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Agreed! Modernity is cool too. I think the Olympics should inspire us to go FORWARD!

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PROPORTIONS! Athletic figures need good proportions to balance out their figures

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totally! And let's not forget these are some of the world's BEST bodies!



@Jeanne_Beker: Cool active-wear looks featured @TheMarilynShow this morning. Am I ever a shrimp without my heels!

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Chatelaine C

Student

Age: 25

What she's wearing:

H&M sunglasses, vintage silk dress bought in Stanley Market in Hong Kong, H&M sandals.

Her inspiration:

"Feel good, look good!"

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Indigo is everywhere in fall collections, and home decor is no exception. A pop of true-blue in anything from your coffee maker to your comforter to your floor coverings will add a richness and depth to any room in your home, for a look that is truly modern and sophisticated.



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1950's Navy hospital chairs get reproduced for vintage chic. \$465, DWR.com.



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Pulse Blue Drinkware

Textured dots add a modern grip. \$32 for four, BedBathAndBeyond.com



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Accessories in fall's coolest colour — indigo

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It's All Mine Now

48x60 reproduction painting by Karl Lohnes. Who else would you rather have tea with? \$329, CB2.com

Avalon 3-piece Comforter Set

A modern take on a traditional pattern. \$130/queen, sears.ca



6

Marimekko Siirtolapuutarha 18-inch Tray

Use it to serve drinks or hang it on the wall. \$105, CrateAndBarrel.ca



7

Batik Bird Rug

Lay or hang it for a hand-blocked art look. 5x7, \$89, UrbanOutfitter.com



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Keep cool while looking cool

DIY ideas. Cooling units are summer lifesavers, but they're also an eyesore. Make your own cover using these tips

The summer heat has likely got your air conditioning unit

operating at full tilt. Although you may be enjoying the cooling effect it's bringing to the inside of your home, you may not appreciate the eyesore it's created on the outside.

Jason Cameron transforms troubled yards on DIY Network's *Desperate Landscapes*. Read on to learn Jason's approach to concealing an outdoor air conditioning unit and never worry what your

neighbours are thinking about your yard again.

Gather materials

A decorative lattice screen provides the ultimate disguise for outdoor air conditioning units.

To get started, gather the necessary materials, such as cedar planks (recommended for their weather resistance), four pressure-treated 4-x-4 posts, wood stakes, braces, landscaping fab-

ric, granite, architectural-grade lattice, cement, a saw, hand tamper, staple gun, shovel and screws.

Set the base

Ensure the area being screened is level. Hammer in stakes to mark the perimeter and place the cedar planks against the stakes to mark a simple frame.

Remember to factor in sufficient clearance to allow for

proper airflow and servicing; a good rule of thumb is to clear an area double the size of the air conditioner you wish to hide.

Secure landscaping fabric inside the frame to prevent weeds from growing. Pour granite overtop until it is about two inches thick and rake until level. Wet the surface to set the granite and then pack it down with a hand tamper.

the top rail at a 45-degree angle and secure with screws.

Install the lattice

Cut the lattice with a circular saw so it fits between the posts and top and bottom rails. Use a staple gun to attach the lattice to hold it in place. Planting shrubs around the screen will help to further soften the look.

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Build the frame

Cut the corner posts to the desired height with a sharp hand-saw. Dig holes for the posts, about two feet deep, to allow enough room for the concrete. Set the posts in the holes and secure temporarily with braces.

Once the posts are level, pour cement into the holes. Let the concrete set overnight before removing the braces. Measure between each set of posts and cut the cedar planks to fit between them to form a bottom rail. Slide the rails into place and screw them to the posts. Cap the top of the posts with a top rail; cut each end of



Cover your outdoor air-con unit with a decorative lattice. iStock

Coyote encounters: What not to do

What should I do if I run into a coyote in my neighbourhood?

-Scott of Vancouver



QUEEN OF GREEN
Lindsay Coulter
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Don't do what I've done and try to get closer for a better look or a picture! (Because it was nonchalant and unafraid, a few times I thought a coyote was a dog off-leash.)

Typically not a threat to humans, coyotes can become more aggressive as they get comfortable around people. And although city life isn't for everyone, more and more, urban coyotes find it suits them just fine.

The boundary between urban and rural gets blurry with every new sprawling development, as human communities creep closer to the habitats of our wild neighbours. Coyotes are one of those species — like pigeons, magpies, crows and raccoons — that can tolerate living with us. This can lead to conflict between them, people and pets.

Learn how to haze a coyote. Hazing can help maintain coyotes' fear of humans and deter them from our backyards (which I suspect would significantly reduce the number of missing cat posters in my neighbourhood). The simplest way is to

get loud and large! Stand tall, wave your arms and yell.

Keep your family and pets safe. Never feed coyotes. You're just putting the animal, yourself and your neighbours at risk. Prevent unwanted encounters by keeping pet food inside and your garbage bins tidy.

Studies show that urban coyotes actually have longer life expectancies than their rural cousins, so chances are they're here to stay.

Find out if a naturalist group or wildlife rehabilitation centre in your city offers urban coyote education programs. Vancouver's Stanley Park Ecology Society's Co-existing with Coyotes program maintains a coyote hotline (604-681-WILD) to report sightings and it maintains a map of recent reports.



Hazing can help maintain coyotes' fear of humans. iStock

17th Century decor revival

Trends. Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and George Adams had floorcloths in their homes and you can too

If you were the artistic wife of a sailor back in 17th Century France, you didn't let modest means deter you from decorating your home in style.

You transformed your husband's old sails into beautifully painted floor coverings that rivaled those in wealthy homes. British sailors started bringing them back as souvenirs, and a fad with impressive reach and longevity was born.

The heavy canvases — called oilcloths in Britain and floorcloths when the art came to North America — were painted with simple or elaborate designs depending on the skill level of the artists (often house painters) and the financial status of homeowners. The term oilcloth probably refers to the oil-based paints and linseed oil coatings applied to the canvases.

Waterproof, insect resistant and sturdy, floorcloths became just as popular in American homes. Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and John Adams had floorcloths in their homes; you can still see one at Mount Ver-

non — a solid green, as Washington sought to simulate the grass outdoors inside.

Near the start of the 20th Century, the advent of mass-produced linoleum sent labour-intensive floorcloths out of style, but in the '60s and again more recently, artists have rediscovered the craft.

Julie Biggs of Pickerington, Ohio, paints hers with contemporary designs like polka dots or naïf flowers in hues of pink, turquoise, yellow and charcoal grey. A green polka dot rug would look fresh and young in a child's room, for example. She's playing with other ideas, too.

"My favourite technique right now is a layered, worn look, which includes several layers of designs on one floorcloth," Biggs says. "Once I'm finished painting each layer, I sand off some of the top to let the sub-layers peek through. It gives the floorcloth a warm, loved look that's very charming. Recently, I've been inspired by the colours and designs of modern fabrics and quilts."

Weathersfield, Vt.-based Lisa Curry Mair crafts her rugs in a 200-year-old farmhouse adorned with many of her creations. She brings a love of history, children's book illustrations and mathematics to her designs.

A mariner's compass, an artichoke and a woven, cane-like pattern are among her bestsellers, and she also does custom designs. The hardest

thing to get across, she says, is how durable the pieces are, and that's largely due to the number of "hobby" crafters producing inferior product.

"They use lightweight canvases, cheap paint and finishes. A floorcloth in a high-traffic kitchen should stand up to dogs, kids and all kinds of abuse," Mair says.

A good heavy floorcloth should lie flat with no bumps or ripples, she says. "When I make floorcloths for museums, they must stand up to 30,000 visitors a year walking on them."

Lucia Blum of Wilmington, N.C., gives rugs a folk-art look. Cat Nap features a black and white cat surrounded by

the stuff of cat dreams: goldfish, birds and mice.

Bunny romps on a green field circled by carrots and radishes.

Artist Faith Wilson, who will be showing at the American Craft Exposition in Evanston, Ill., in August, takes a painterly approach to her often haunting, evoca-

tive canvases. Ginkgo leaves, conifers and little black birds inhabit softly hued, sepia-washed backgrounds.

If you're interested in trying your hand at the floorcloth craft yourself, HGTV's website offers instructions. Mair's website has a how-to video plus a supplies shop.

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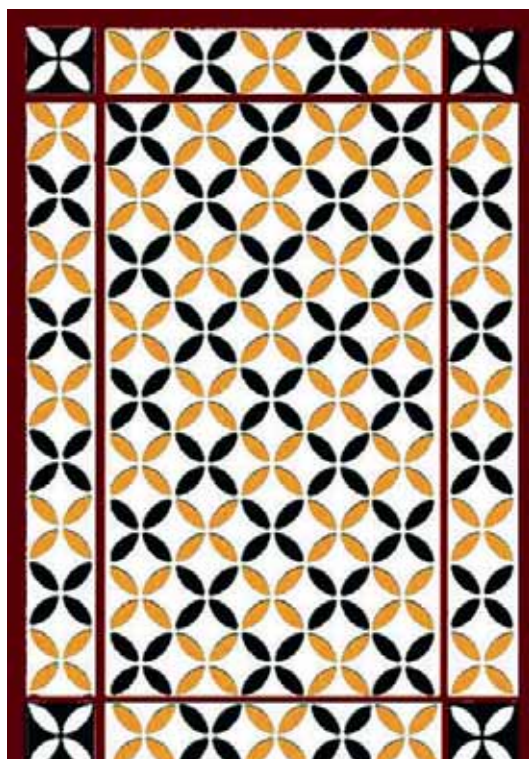
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A prescription just for all of the chocoaholics

"This book is really an extension of our first book, which was Bite Me," says Julie Albert, who collaborated with her sister, Lisa Gnat, on Bite Me Too. "We grew up with a mom who was an incredible cook so every night we had a feast and Lisa was the one

following her around in the kitchen saying, 'What can I help with?' and I was the one upstairs calling, 'What time is dinner?'"

"When I had kids of my own I quickly discovered that noodles and butter weren't going to cut it for life. I really

had to learn how to cook and Lisa taught me everything I know, and now I throw dinners every week for at least 20 people at a time," she added.

Albert and Gnat spend a lot of time in the kitchen creating and testing recipes, but

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Rx Brownies With Fudge Frosting



This recipe is ideal for a post-brunch dessert. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

scription for any chocoholic, say Albert and Gnat. They would make an ideal treat to cap a brunch or any time you need a chocolate fix.

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Coat a 33-by-23-cm (13-by-9-inch) baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. Line with parchment paper.

2. For the brownies, in a microwave safe bowl, combine chocolate and butter. Melt on high heat for 1 minute, stir and melt for 30 seconds more or until chocolate and butter are melted and smooth.

3. In bowl, whisk sugar and eggs. Add chocolate mixture and flour, stirring until flour has disappeared. Spread in prepared pan and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool in pan for 15 minutes before removing. Cool completely on wire rack before frosting.

4. Frosting: In a large saucepan, mix together sugar, cocoa powder, milk, butter and corn syrup. Heat to boiling, stirring frequently. Boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Let cool for 10 minutes. Whisk in icing sugar until smooth. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/BITE ME TOO BY JULIE ALBERT AND LISA GNAT**

Ingredients

- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) butter
- 500 ml (2 cups) sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cocoa powder, sifted
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) milk
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) corn syrup
- 250 ml (1 cup) icing sugar

Fudge Frosting

Book of the week

Take a bite out of easy & fun food



Having fun with food, family and friends is the focus of the cookbook Bite Me Too by sisters Julie Albert and Lisa Gnat.

The release is peppered with humour, trivia, pop culture references and user-friendly recipes that feature ingredients you have in your pantry or that can be picked up during your regular grocery store run.

Chapter headings in Bite Me Too include Amuse Me (appetizers), Fowl Me (poultry), Hook Me (fish and seafood) and Toss Me (salads). There are 176 recipes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

Bettman lays out league's proposal

Donald Fehr and the NHL players have a little more to mull over.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the league tabled the remaining elements of its opening contract offer to the NHL Players' Association on Wednesday. It was an expansion on the opening proposal the league delivered July 13, which included a decreased share of hockey-related revenue, term limits on contracts and a 22 per cent salary rollback. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Gary Bettman GETTY IMAGES FILE

MLB

Arencibia breaks hand, expected to miss six weeks

Toronto Blue Jays catcher JP Arencibia is expected to miss about six weeks after fracturing his right hand in the second inning of Wednesday's game against the Oakland A's.

Arencibia appeared to injure the hand on a foul ball by Brandon Inge during Oakland's eight-run inning.

The 26-year-old finished the inning behind the plate but Jeff Mathis batted for him in the bottom of the second.

Arencibia is batting .242 with 16 homers and 50 RBIs so far this season.

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Ernie Els speaks at a press conference next to the Claret Jug trophy Wednesday at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club in Ancaster, Ont. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Els hopes to add to his trophy haul

Golf. British Open winner has had little time to practise ahead of Canadian Open

Ernie Els arrived at the RBC Canadian Open with one trophy already in tow. He's hoping to leave with another.

Despite a whirlwind couple days that followed his victory at the British Open, Els expressed confidence that he's still got enough left in the tank to be competitive at the third-oldest championship in golf.

"I feel very fresh," he said Wednesday afternoon.

Els only managed to get

in five practice holes at Hamilton Golf and Country Club this week, but thinks his stellar play from Royal Lytham and St. Annes should carry over.

The celebration following his fourth major championship was more low key than the ones that came before it. After pulling out a one-shot victory over Adam Scott on Sunday, he returned home to London for a small party with family and friends, then had a lazy Monday.

He travelled to Hamilton, Ont., on Tuesday morning, getting in a quick practice session before a helicopter arrived to whisk him to downtown Toronto for a "Right to Play" dinner. On Wednesday,

Taking part

- Besides Els, the biggest names in the field are Matt Kuchar, Hunter Mahan and Jim Furyk — and it's no coincidence that all four have sponsorship agreements with RBC.
- But Furyk said he was also drawn back by the traditional U.S. Colt-designed course where he won the first of his two Canadian Open titles in 2006.

Els played a round with RBC CEO Gord Nixon at his home course.

The itinerary left virtu-

ally no time for preparation at the charming, tree-lined Hamilton layout that is hosting the Canadian Open for a fifth time.

"I don't know if it's such a big disadvantage because a lot of times when you don't play a course, you don't know where the trouble is," Els said with a chuckle. "So maybe that's a good thing. You get your yardage, you hit it to your spots."

As an added bonus, the South African brought the Claret Jug along for the ride and proudly displayed it during his interview session with reporters Wednesday. His presence added some buzz to an event that remains in a tough spot on the PGA Tour's calendar. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB. Cal Ripken Jr.'s mom safe after abduction

Cal Ripken Jr.'s 74-year-old mother was found with her hands bound in the back seat of her car Wednesday after being kidnapped at gunpoint a day earlier at her home outside Baltimore and driven around blindfolded by her abductor, police and neighbours said.

Investigators do not know the kidnapper's motive and there was no ransom demand for Vi Ripken's release, Aberdeen police Chief Henry Trabert said at a news conference.

The gunman forced Ripken into her silver Lincoln Continental between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Tuesday, police said. She was found bound and un-

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"He lit cigarettes for her, they stopped for food."

Vi Ripken's next-door neighbour Gus Kowaleski, who added that she said the gunman told her he would not hurt her

harmful but shaken at about 6:15 a.m. Wednesday near her home in Aberdeen, about 48 kilometres northeast of Baltimore.

Asked if police believe the kidnapper knew who he was abducting, Trabert did not answer, saying police don't know the motive or if the suspect has any ties to the Ripken family. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB

Phillies, Hamels agree to deal

Cole Hamels and the Philadelphia Phillies have agreed to a \$144-million US, six-year contract that prevents the 2008 World Series MVP from becoming a free agent after the season.

A source told The Associated Press about the deal on condition of anonymity because there has been no official announcement.

It's the second-largest contract for a pitcher behind the \$161-million deal the New York Yankees gave CC Sabathia in December 2008.

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MLB. Miami sends Hanley Ramirez to L.A.

The Marlins are trading stars, just like they did following their championships in 2003 and 2007. Team president David Samson says this exodus is different.

"A fire sale, I guess, comes after a World Series victory," he said Wednesday. "I don't know how you would call it a fire sale to trade players of a team that's underperforming so spectacularly. We are just doing everything we can to win more games."

Former NL batting champion Hanley Ramirez became the latest player to leave, traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers with left-handed reliever Randy Choate for right-hander Nathan



Hanley Ramirez GETTY IMAGES FILE

Eovaldi and minor-league pitcher Scott McGough.

On Monday, the Marlins sent pitcher Anibal Sanchez and infielder Omar Infante to the Detroit Tigers for pitching prospect Jacob Turner and two minor leaguers.

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Mobile sports



A day after matching the Philadelphia Flyers' \$110-million US offer sheet for Shea Weber, the Nashville Predators were in celebration mode. But "the biggest signing in franchise history" for Nashville has forced the Flyers back to the drawing board. Scan the code for the story.

4 SPORTS

Canada can't keep up with world champion in opener

Soccer. Coach Herdman calls loss to Japan a learning experience

Canada's women's soccer team opened its London Olympic campaign with a 2-1 loss to Japan on Wednesday, a result that left coach John Herdman "scratching one side" of his head and "feeling OK on the other."

Melissa Tancredi scored the lone goal for the No. 7 Canadians, who managed to battle back against the reigning World Cup champion. Japan took a 2-0 lead into half-time and had the Canadians on their heels most of the night.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game tonight; they're world champions and world champions for a reason," Herdman said afterward.

"But it's the first game in the tournament, there's another five to go for us hopefully, and I think we've learned some lessons tonight."

The game marked Canada's first competition of the Games, two days before the opening ceremonies in London.

The Canadians need to finish top-two in their pool — or be one of the two best third-place teams — to advance to the quarter-finals of the 12-

team tournament.

The Japanese squad that shocked the United States to win the World Cup last summer lived up to its billing, passing and moving with speed and precision.

"They're quick, they're crafty, they get in those tight little spaces that you don't think they can get into," said defender Lauren Sesselmann. "They're an incredible team."

Nahomi Kawasumi and team captain Aya Miyama scored for Japan.

Kawasumi sprinted onto a clever back-heel pass from Shinobu Ohno in the 33rd minute. Miyama scored on a header from a cross in the 44th minute to beat Canadian goalkeeper Erin McLeod.

Tancredi capitalized on the one really decent shot Canada had, connecting on a cross from Rhian Wilkinson in the 55th minute.

"At 2-0 down anything could have happened, we could easily have let the game go," said Canada's star striker Christine Sinclair. "But I think in the second half we came out and played pretty well. Gives us some confidence and in terms of goal difference, not a bad result against them."

Sinclair was barely noticeable as Japan's defence virtually marked Canada's leading scorer out of the game.

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Canada's Christine Sinclair, left, and Japan's Azusa Iwashimizu battle for the ball in Coventry on Wednesday. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cycling. Hesjedal's 'one-man show' arrives in London

Ryder Hesjedal arrived at the Olympics to a crowd Wednesday. But the Giro d'Italia winner will largely be on his own Saturday in the men's road race.

While world champion Mark Cavendish can rely on the help of four British teammates, the 31-year-old from Victoria will be going it alone as Canada did not collect enough points to qualify any other riders.

But the focus was on Hesjedal on Wednesday as he

walked into a Canadian media crush at St. Pancras International after getting off a train from Europe.

The six-foot-two, 159-pound Hesjedal arrived wheeling one of his own Cervelo bikes, neatly packaged in a giant canvas bag. His other rides had been shipped ahead of time.

The laid-back Hesjedal, under the spotlight at his third Olympics, did his best to take all the attention in stride.

"It's exciting. This is a little

overwhelming," said the former mountain biker. "But I've been training and focusing on this event. We'll see how I do Saturday and following in the time trial."

Hesjedal had fellow Canadians Michael Barry and Svein Tuft on his side at the 2008 Games road race in Beijing, where Barry was eighth, Hesjedal 55th and Tuft 58th. But he will have to look to others to help him this time.

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Ryder Hesjedal arrives in London on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Doping

Nine banned as Games approach

Nine track athletes were suspended ahead of the London Olympics for doping, including three who were caught in retests of samples from last year's world championships, the IAAF said Wednesday.

The governing body said six were caught in biological passport tests, which measure changes in an

athlete's blood profile. The others were sanctioned after retroactive testing of blood and urine samples from the worlds in Daegu, South Korea.

"The athletes were guilty of 'sophisticated doping,'" the IAAF said, and received bans ranging from two to four years.

"Today's announcements underline the IAAF's continued and unwavering campaign against doping in athletics," IAAF President Lamine Diack said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Olympic diving: United we fall

Divers Ruoling Chen and Hao Wang of China practise synchronized diving during a training session Wednesday at the Aquatics Centre in Olympic Park in London. ADAM PRETTY/GETTY IMAGES

Despatie facing biggest Olympic challenge yet

Diving. But 27-year-old from Laval, Que., envisions 'better-than-ever' results despite recent head injury

Alexandre Despatie has never been the type to shy away from challenges. And more often than not, he's overcome them.

But on the eve of his fourth Olympics, the veteran diver admits the London Games will be the biggest challenge of his career.

Despatie, 27, is coming off a tough year. He missed most of 2011 because of bursitis and tendinitis in his left knee.

And last month, he had a brush with disaster when he hit his head on the board while training in Spain.

Quoted



"Being injured is one thing, hurting is another...."

When the head isn't there properly, it's difficult to turn the page and get back to positive thoughts."

Alexandre Despatie

The deep cut on the forehead as well as the concussion he suffered nearly derailed his latest Olympic dreams.

As a result, Despatie will have to surpass himself if he is to add to his Olympic medal total.

"I have a big challenge in front of me but I'm going to the Games to do better than

ever," he told The Canadian Press. "And that's what the Olympics are all about — the desire to surpass oneself. I usually overcome challenges and that's what I'm going to do."

The three-time world champion and two-time Olympic medal-winner knows what he is talking about.

Four months before the Beijing Games in 2008, Despatie fractured his foot in an injury that prevented him from training in the run-up to the Olympics. Then, once in China, he suffered back pains that had him fearing the worst.

In the end, however, he still won silver in the three-metre dive.

"Mentally, it was super difficult," he said. "Healing physically isn't enough. You've got to get your confidence back."

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You can be pretty stubborn when the mood takes you and it is likely to take you today. You may discover though that you are not the only one who knows how to dig in their heels.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

No amount of compromise will work today, so be ready to fight for what you believe in. When it comes to willpower, you have more than most but a rival may not be as weak as they look.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Different people see things in different ways and if you can accept that, you won't have too many problems today. But if you insist the world agrees with you then you could find yourself in a lonely place.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Make sure you keep a sense of perspective over the next 24 hours, especially where money is concerned. What you own and earn is important, of course, but cash can't buy you the kind of love that you crave.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You can't help but be assertive and ambitious but don't go to extremes and start making the kind of demands of other people that you would never accept for yourself. You need more friends, not more enemies.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You seem to be asking yourself a lot of serious questions of late, but are you getting any intelligent answers? If not, maybe you should loosen up a bit and not take life so seriously — then the answers will come.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you go back on a promise today, you will regret it later. You must live up to your obligations, at home and at work because if you don't, you will let everyone down — including yourself.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

What happens today may shock you but you should have seen it coming. Also, it's unlikely to be as bad as you think, so don't overreact. What changes cannot be unchanged, no matter how forceful you may be.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

After being kept out of the loop for so long, you will discover what has been going on. It's unlikely to be as bad as you feared. It may even be good if you choose to take a long-term outlook.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Mind planet Mercury united with Pluto today suggests you need to take a more positive view of what's going on in the world. It's not all doom and gloom you know, in fact there are marvels in every direction.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Conflict of one kind or another is inevitable today and although that may not sound like very good news it has to happen. Only when the air is cleared can you all start to breathe more easily.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

The pressure has been cranking up for quite some time and over the next few days it may even become intolerable. But you are tougher than you look and will rise to the challenge. Give it your all. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Prime Ministers

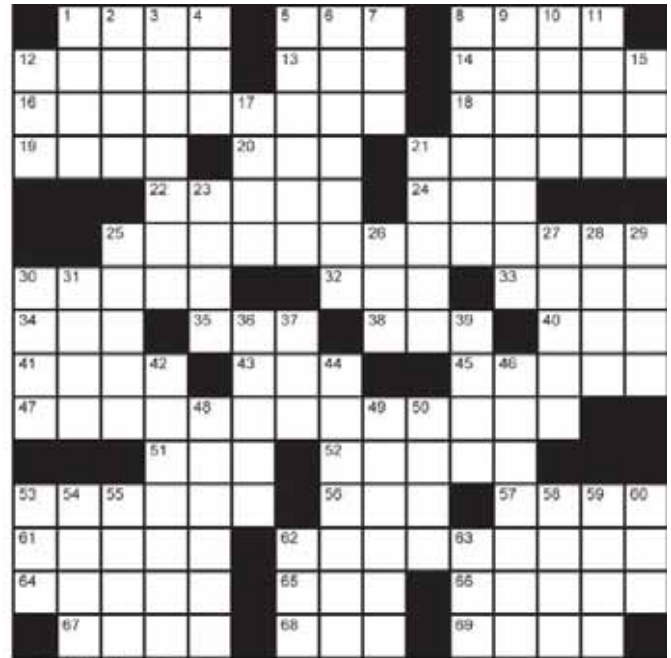
Across

1. Prime Minister Chrétien
5. Where to find *The Sopranos*
8. Most common first name among Canadian PMs
12. Desperado chasers
13. Tax return rvw.
14. *Das Boot* setting
16. See 62-Across
18. Atoll explosion
19. Old dagger
20. It flows from Alberta
21. Mountainous regions of planets
22. Like some flowers
24. ___ de Cologne
25. Prime Minister April 20, 1968-June 4, 1979 and March 3, 1980-June 30, 1984
30. Surrounded by
32. Legal matter
33. Montréal, Québec, Maritimes locale
34. ___ Vegas
35. California Bay Area's largest airport, for short
38. Some in Québec
40. Letters ending an email or texted request
41. IMO cousin
43. Her: Ger.
45. Swimming (in)
47. First Prime Minister born after Confederation and only one to represent a Manitoba riding
51. Switch positions
52. Immune system component
53. Third Prime Minister, June 16, 1891-November 24, 1892

56. "Am ___ trouble!"
57. Cowardly Lion player
61. "Mea ___": "my fault"
62. With 16-Across, second Prime Minister, November 7, 1873-October 8, 1878
64. First Radiohead single
65. Choice word
66. Prime Minister St. Laurent
67. Ill-mannered
68. 33-Acr. summer
69. Stuns

Down

1. ___ of Arc
2. Action-denoting suffix
3. Showed hospitality at the door
4. Born
5. Less clear
6. Manufacturer
7. "___ to Joy"
8. Alaska capital
9. Force (upon)
10. Certain gardener
11. US space gp.
12. In short, they served Canada
15. Sporty Audis
17. Film genre
21. To the point
23. Brief bylaws
25. Affirm
26. United spinoff
27. "___ apple every day to keep the doctor away"
28. Garage sale stipulation
29. Zion's locale
30. James Bond's Octopussy car, informally
31. Bryn ___ College: women's liberal arts college near Philadelphia



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36. Premier
37. Electrical-impedance unit whose symbol is an omega
39. Satirist Mort
42. Cried "Yee-haw!"
44. Changed the bathroom decor
46. "What have we here?"
48. Open a package, maybe

49. Most freezing
50. '70s babies are part of this
53. USC : Pac 10 :: UNC : ___
54. New Westminster, BC-born Mason portrayed
55. Blue in Québec
58. ___ chori: for two voices, musically
59. "We have met the

- enemy and ___ us": Pogo quote
60. Monopoly utils.
62. Yes
63. In the manner of

Yesterday's crossword



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6	1	3	4	8	7	5	9	2
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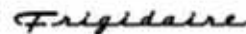
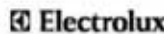
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